One that will be appreciated

by everybody is THE DIS-

PATCH of Sunday.

THE SCANDAL GROWING.

MORE IT IS PROBED.

Floonet Makes a Damaging Admission as to

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

Panama company money for the secret ser-

vice or for any other object. It will be recalled that M. Rouvier, ex-Minister of

Finance, stated in his speech in the Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday that when he

assumed office he found the secret service

fund depleted, and had received personal loans from triends to enable him to carry on

the business of the Secret Service Bureau.

M. Floqet further told the committee
that when he was a member of the Ministry
he had ordered that certain advertisements

be printed in Parisian newspapers. These advertisements, he admitted, had been inserted, not from a business, but from a political point of view.

This admission is much commented upon as being tantamount to an acknowledgment that the commentary was being tantamount to an acknowledgment that the commentary was being tantamount to an acknowledgment

that the advertisements were but a cover under which the newspapers were bribed to support the Ministerial schemes.

Taken From Jail to Testify.

Leroy, accused of selling his vote when he was a member of the Lottery Bond Commission, was examined this alternoon.

M. Bourgeois, Minister of Justice, appeared before the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry after M. Floquet had testified, to explain the seizure of the counterfeits of the Thierree checks. On Monday,

he said, M. Thierree admitted to the exam-

M. Bourgeois promised that the papers of the dynamite society and the other import-

ant documents recently seized should be communicated to the commission. These

documents, however, must be handled with great caution, lest their contents should be

used for purposos prejudicial to the pros-ecution or defense.

Brisson Inclined to Be Cautious.

M. Brisson, Chairman of the commission,

pressed M. Bourgeois for a more precise pledge as to the delivery of the documents

ing magistrate.

M. Andrieux, ex-Prefect of Police, was the next witness. He said that he had a photograph of a statement and account written by Baron De Reinach. This showed

the names of the payees of checks drawn by the Baron. M. Andrieux wrote a list of names on a piece of paper and handed it to M. Brisson, saying at the same time that four

other names, one of a very high personage, be was presented from mentioning by the dictates of discretion. Dr. Cornelius Hers

1,350,000 tranes. M. Andrieux could name

most, if not all, of those mentioned in this

document. Proof had been promised him.

He would try to obtain the document from

Dr. Herz. He wished it to be understood, however, that he could not guarantee abso-

lutely the accuracy of the document or Baron De Reinach's statement. In his

opinion Baron De Reinach's word was far

from unimpeachable. To his knowledge

Reinach had begun to pay personal debts with the money of the Panama Canal Com-

The Secret Service Fund in Need.

When asked to explain a passing men-

tion of the payment of checks to M. Flo-quet, M. An rieux explained that Felix Cottu, a director of the canal company, had told him Baron De Reinach once spoke of

Flouquet's needing 750,000 francs for the secret service fund. Cottu had requested a

conference with Floquet and Reinach had agreed to arrange for one. Eventually, however, Reinach took Cottu to see Cle-

menceau, as Floquet was too busy to spare time for a meeting. Baron De Reinach had said that Albert Christophie, Governor of the Credit Foncier, who was concerned

in several projects in connection with the

Panama Canal, might be thrown over, al-

though, through the Government, it might be possible to secure the influence of the Credit Foncier for the canal.

When Cottu met Clemenceau the latter

confirmed the statement as regards Chris-tophele, but did not mention the money

question. Cottu had been rendered so ap-prehensive by what he heard that he had

consented to give the Government the 750,000 required for the secret service fund. Cottu had told Reinach, however, that the whole affair was a blackmailing

swindle and might cause trouble. Reinach had responded: "No, no; none at all. I

can say that I received the money to pay

advertising expenses of the company, and

Cottu's Attack on Reinach.

was too thin-skinned. Cottu seized Reinach

by the beard, dragged him from the front

room of the bank into the private office, and, after calling him an embezzler and coward, had demanded back the check for the 750,000

francs. Remach declared that it was at his house and succeeded in holding Cottu until

the final crash came, overwhelming every-body. But part of the amount had then been paid over to the Government.

Deputy Barhou, of the commission, asked

M. Andrieux why, if he knew Remach to

be so dishonest, he placed any reliance upon

Reinach's charges that deputies had sold their votes. M. Andrieux replied: "Al-

though dishonest with others, Baron De Réinach had no reason for making out pri-

vate memoranda and counterfeits falsely."

M. Barru, advertising agent for the Panama Canal Company, testified that the sums paid to newspapers by the company ranged from 400,000 frances to 1,500,000 for each

issue of shares.

Count Caffarili, Monarchist deputy for

Aisne, told the commission he could confirm the report that President Carnot had a

list of deputies corruptly implicated in the Panama Canal lobbying. This list, he said, comprised many deputies whose names had

not been mentioned in connection with the

scandal.
The duel arranged between Deputy Mil

levoye and Deputy Clemenceau, in consequence of the insults exchanged during the

debate of Tuesday, is not likely to be fought. By mutual consent the affair has

LIQUOR SELLING AN OFFICE.

been referred to a court of arbitration.

Subsequently Reinach had said that Cottu

nobedy will know the difference

Catches the Worst of It,

Many Men-The Baron De Reinach

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SUNDAY'S DISPATCH will have over 150 columns of pure reading, well illustrated.

THREE CENTS.

CLEMENCEAU WAS MERCIFUL TO DEROULEDE.

The Great Duelist and Maker of Cabinets Spares the Life of His Accuser.

A FRENCHMAN'S DUEL WITH NO BLOODSHED.

Three Shets Fired by Each of the Combatants at a Distance of Twenty-Five Paces.

INJURED HONOR HEALED WITH LITTLE BRAVERY,

Though Clemenceau Could Easily Have Made Way With His Man at Any Time He Wished to Do So.

The Meeting in a Private Park at St. Quen-The Number of Spectators Enough on Hand to Save a Dying Army -Both Combatants Cool and Collected -Deroulede Says His Life Was Saved by Providence-Clemenceau's Friends Declare That Pressure Was Brought closures by a Former Prefect of Police-M. Andrieux Has a Chance to Avenge All His Wrongs.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

PARIS, Dec. 22 - [Copyright.]-The Clemanceau-Deroulede duel was fought this afterpresence of six members of the Chamber of Deputies and three other gentlemen includ- This time Deroulede fired first, but by an ing the Paris correspondent of THE DIS- instant only. PATCH. The seconds had a meeting early this morning to complete arrangements for the encounter.

When the deadly conditions of the meeting became known vesterday, strong pressure was brought to bear on both principals by representatives of the Government and others to avert an almost inevitable tragedy. the case. Both were unscathed. It was urged that in the inflamed state of to the perils of the signation. The seconds rules of combat, and instead of meeting at 20 paces, advancing to 10 paces and firing



(Whose downfall caused the Panama scandal,) at will, it was arranged that the antagonists should stand at 25 paces and fire three shots

each at the word of command.

An Expert's Skill a Necessity. It requires expert skill to stand in the French dueling position, pistol at side, and | lede's life. place a bullet in its mark 60 feet away by raising the weapon and firing on the instant the word is given. Very different were the first conditions, which allowed deliberate

aim and at less than half that distance. In order to throw off the scent the scores who sought to witness the contest it was quietly given out that the men would fight at the Plateau de Chatilon, and many went there on the false scent. The principals carriages soon after noon and drove at high

speed to the rendezvous. A doctor's coupe followed Deroulede's coach. The time of meeting was 2 o'clock. Deronlede arrived at the iron gates of the park 15 minutes before the hour. The purpose of the meeting was instantly divined by the people in the neighborhood and a crowd speedily gathered, but the gates were

closed against them. The police in the station directly opposite discreetly kept out of night. An Excellent Place for a Meeting.

Clemenceau's earriage did not arrive till three minutes before the hour. The carriages drove down a shaded path 300 yards from the entrance, and entirely out of sight of the outside observers. The park is a broad, undulating expanse, several acres in extent. It sinks to a somewhat lower level. and is free from trees and other obstructions. At about 150 yards to the left of a little grove where the carriages stopped the seconds selected a spot in a slight depression of rolling, prairie-like ground. Nearly an saved me. So I thank God I can now go on hour was occupied in making the selection,

sun over his left shoulder. While the details were being arranged the principals waited in their respective carriages. Just before 3 o'clock they walked to the ground.

Both Contestants Cool and Collected. Each expressed satisfaction at the arrangements, and while the seconds were exchanging the final formalities Clemenceau strolled about with a cigar in his mouth, his

FORTY SEVENTH YEAR. cost collar turned up and both hands in his pockets. He was perfectly cool, and only annoyed, apparently, at being obliged to wait so long in the chilly winter sir. Deroulede, equally collected, was seem-

ingly less interested in the proceedings than any of the spectators. There was more than ten minutes' delay pefore the men were called to their places, and it seemed a relief to each that no more time was to be wasted. Deroulede instantly removed his coat and hat and took his position. He was a little pale, but without a sign of nervousness. The long dueling pis-

tol was handed him by the second. He

M. Floquet, President of the Chamber took it calmiy, and stood some moments waiting for his adversary to make ready. His magnificent physique, of almost giant proportions, made him a most striking figure as he stood silhouetted against the aky. A slight breeze tossed his long hair about his forehead. He was already in dueling position, half facing his antagonist, who was still talking with his seconds.

Clemene au Master of the Situation Clemenceau did not throw off his coat till the last moment. Then he handed his hat Kept Down by an Old Ruse-Doctors to a friend, took his pistel, and was instantly ready for the word. The great maker of Cabinets and hero of a score of duels was undoubtedly the calmest man upon the field. His rather slight figure apneared almost puny in contrast to that of his antagonist, but his cold, Bismarckian to Bear on Him to Make Him Spare | face and keen gray eyes marked him master His Opponent's Life-Sensational Dis- of the situation. No one doubted that he held the life of his opponent in his hands. In less than 60 seconds after Clemenceau's seconds left his side the word was given. The men lifted their wespons quite deliberately, and fired the moment they reached

> spoke a fraction of a second before that of Deroulede. Both men were untouched. As soon as this was perceived the seconds hastened to

> the level of the eye. Clemenceau's pistol

Conditions of the Contest Fulfilled.

Again the duelists stood unharmed. Pistols were again handed them, and when the word was given again for the third time the reports were as one. Deroulede made a movement, which for the moment gave the impression that Clemenceau's bullet had entered his right arm, but such was not The conditions of the contest were ful-

the public mind such an incident would add | filled, and the two principals met and exchanged the usual formalities in the curtest insisted on an important modification of the and briefest manner. The two parties at once separated and repaired to their respective carriages, in which they drove rapidly

In the opinion of all present Deroulede owes his life to Clemencesu's magnanimity. There is proof of this in the great Radical's dueling record. In his first encounter he told the seconds he should put a bullet in the forehead of his antagonist, just above the right eye. Clemenceau had detected his opponent in improper relations with his wife, and he killed him precisely as he said he would. On another occasion Clemenceau declared he would take off the left ear of his antagonist. It happened as he said it would, and the man still goes about with but one ear. In a third encounter Clemenceau faced a Colonel of the French army. "He is a soldier, and I don't want to kill him." said the already famous duelist. " "I will break his right leg." He kept his

promise. Clemenceau Spares Deroulede's Life.

It is absurd to say that such a man, especially efter his display of skill yesterday pub lished in last night's dispatch to THE DISPATCH, could have missed his mark in three successive shots at 25 paces. He simply yielded to the solicitations of the Ministers and Deputies and spared Derou-

After leaving the field both men drove to the Chamber of Deputies and entered almost simultaneously. For 30 minutes, in spite of the great excitement over to-day's developments in the Panama scandal, their appearance made a sensation and both were surrounded by their friends.

After adjournment THE DISPATCH, reporter asked Deronlede to describe his seneations in facing the most famous duelist of left their respective hotels quietly in closed France. He said: "I feel that I owe my life to the interposition of the Supreme Power. I know M. Clemenceau meant to kill me, and only Providential protection



Prince Victor "Napo'eon IV."

in the pathway marked out for myself marking off the distance and testing the toward the re-establishment of a republic weapons. There was little to choose be- ruled by God. Honestly, while I was not tween the respective positions as finally frightened, I confess that I had some disselected. The sun was partly obscured, so agreeable sensations when I faced the pistol that there was no glare. The advantage, if or such a deadly shot as M. Clemenceau." any, was with M. Clemenceau, who had the

The Elaborate Arrangements Made. A Press dispatch says: Although not made an open stipulation in the programme, it is understood that M. Clemenceau was not to get out an extra of La newspapers were notified. M. Deroniede have the privilege of having a camera and a reporter on the spot to take snap shots, provided M. Clemenceau chose to do so. In the event of a fatal result, dying words were to be faithfully reported.

The parting between Deroulede and his

fri ends on his start from Paris for the duelbraced and kissed them repeatedly, and as-sured them that he would die in a manner worthy of the Legion of Honor. When one of his friends expressed a hope that the encounter would not have a fatal result, Deroulede shook his head mournfully. He fully expected, he declared, to lose his life, but had a covered to express to what he but had no regrets to express for what he had uttered. He allowed his friends to divide locks of his hair between them, and then stepped into a cab, with his seconds, and was driven rapidly toward the

seconds, and was driven rapidly toward the new race course at St. Quen.

Meanwhile, M. Clemenceau, who is said to have spent the morning with Mme. Beichemberg, likewise prepared to go to the scene of mortal combat. He gave directions, as usual, about the issue of La Justics, and left orders as to the management of the paper in the event of any fatality occurring to him. The staff provided around of the paper in the event of any latality oc-curring to him. The staff crowded around their chief, and he kissed and embraced each in turn, while some of them shed tears and begged him not to expose himself to more danger than necessary. M. Clemenceau gently rebuked these advisers.

"I have stood on the field of honor too

often," he remarked, "to have any appre He said he preferred death to dishonor and spoke in a tone of resolution that evoked the admiration of his assistants.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES MADE BY THE FORMER PREFECT OF

THE PARIS POLICE.

He Flashes an 80,000-Franc Check of the Duelist's—His Lips Sealed No Longer, and He Will Now Proceed to Tear Things Loose-Advance Information

Given a Dispatch Representative.

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCIL I PARIS, Dec. 22 .- [Copyright.]-To-day's revelations in the great panorama of shame which is being rapidly unrolled before the eyes of the people of France are appalling in scope and character. At last, however, there is a clue to the source of the incriming evidence which is being systematically put forward day by day, and to the ulterior motives which are prompting its

President Carnot thought he possessed all the facts about the Panama briberies when he directed Ricard to begin prosecutions against half a dozen men with a purpose of ining magistrate that these were at his involving his rival, Freycinet, and other bank. The magistrate then accompanied political enemies. The real story of the Pan-M. Thierree to his office and secured them. ama corruption, with overwhelming evidence, was then in the hands of an ambitious, revengeful, brainy man, who did not purpose making use of his terrific weapon for the destruction of reputations



Count Ferdinand de Lessepe

till the national campaign next year. This man is M. Louis Andrieux, former Prefect of Police of Paris, and member of the Chamber. He has been rather a peculiar figure in French public affairs.

Didn't Move Till He Had To. Though keen and able, he is not popular Three years ago he was defeated in seeking re-election to the Chamber, and has since been preparing to revenge himself against his enemies and to gratify his greater ambition. He did not move until the uncover ing of the first feature of the Panama scandal showed him a complete exposure could not be averted.

He gave a general indication of his pur pose in the interview cabled to THE DIS-PATCH yesterday. To-day he executed the first part of his threat. He offered the Panama Committee checks, letters, stubs and photographs implicating 104 members of Parliament as receivers of Panama bribes, ranging from 1,000 to 300,000 francs, ounting to 6,500,000 francs. His declaration was received with amaze-

ment, not only by the committee, but throughout Paris. The stock market became demoralized when the new reached the Bourse. Names as great as any yet involved are bandied about as those in-cluded in the sweeping charge. Some of his evidence Andrieux was willing to submit to the committee, some he

reserved for the magistrates and the procurer-general. Andriqux's Statement of the Affair. Naturally the question on everybody's lips is what is Andrieux's object in preparing his terrific indictment against the rulers of France. He told THE DISPATCH reporter on Monday that he was working to accomplish certain political ends. I pressed him to-night to be more specific. He refused at first. Finally, under a pledge that what he said should not be sent to any

French or European journal, he made this "My aim is to secure the revision of the Constitution of France, and to stamp out opportunism in French politics. I well know what will happen to me now that I have openly begun my campaing. I shall be vilified and abused. Attempts will proba-bly be made on my life. I have been falsely accused before, now I shall have my revenge, and it will be terrific."

The conversation

renge, and it will be terrine."

The conversation had been in French, but M. Andrieux added, with a smile and in pretty good English: "Now that I have uncovered my batteries, don't shoot me Andrieux's language is capable of various interpretations, but it is quite plain that he is destined to be perhaps the most promi-

nent actor from now on in the stirring na tional drama now being presented. Clemenceau's Check Turns Up.

The most interesting runor regarding Andrieux's evidence is that he will turn over to the magistrate a punched check with its stub, the payce of which is M. Clemenceau, and the amount is 80,000 france Reports were again persistently circu-lated to-day, especially in financial circles, that Carnot will resign. There is nothing authoritative on the subject later than that which was cabled last.

It is now said that the banker beneficiary under Panama bounty, already referred to in THE DISPATCH, will be sued for the benefit of the Pausma creditors and stockholders. His solvency is no longer questioned. The situation as a whole, while darker than ever as regards the public scandal, certainly not so alarming as it appeared a few days ago in peril to the Republic it-self. Fears of a great conspiracy against the Government are beginning to subside, now that the crisis is so close at hand, with-

The Only Form of Temperance Legislatic South Carolina Can Have. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 22.-After an all-night session, the State Senate passed to its third reading the bill providing for dis-pensing all liquors by regularly appointed out a sign of the execution of such design save Andrieux's dramatic move to-day.

revolt of any description. Cabinets and Presidents may fall, but the vague lears for the Republic itself are passing away.

Mr. Cleveland Would Like to IT GETS WORSE AND WORSE THE Know if the Kentucky Senator Intends to Bribing Newspapers—Andrieux's Testi-mony Also Biackening the Characters of

GO INTO THE CABINET.

Paris, Dec. 22.-Floquet, President of The Position of Secretary of the the Chamber of Deputies, appeared for ex-amination before the Panama Investigation Treasury Awaits Him. Committee to-day. He declared emphatically that he had never received from the

> WHITNEY IS AGAIN WANTED, TOO. His Former Chief Is Anxious to Have Him

for His Fremier.

GOVERNOR GRAY NOT TO BE LEFT OUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-Hon. Don M. Dickinson and Colonel Lamont were among Mr. Cleveland's visitors to-day. Mr. Cleveland spent most of the day at his law offices in the Mills building. Mr. Dickinson has been in Washington.
It was stated on very high authority that

on the last visit of Senator Carlisle to New York, Mr. Cleveland asked him to enter the Cabinet as Secretary of the Treasury. The Senator replied that he could not see his way to undertaking the task. He has been a member of the Senate Finance Committee for several years, and during his life in Washington he has given most of his attention to finance and tariff.

M, Arius Fontaine and Charles De Lesseps, directors of the defunct Panama Canal Company, were taken from Mazas prison, this morning, to the office of M. Franqueville, the examining magistrate, by whom they were questioned for two hours. Mr. Cleveland has always had a high ad miration for Senator Carlisle's keenness in these matters, and he declined to accept the Senator's declination of the Treasury portfolio. He asked the Senator to con-sider the matter, to talk it over with his friends and associates in Washington, and in other ways endeavor to arrange matters so that he could become Secretary of the

Still Waiting for Carlisle's Reply. Mr. Cleveland is still waiting for Senator Carlisle's reply. Mr. Carlisle's term in the Senate expires March 4, 1895, but his Ken-tucky constituents would return him as a

Senator as long as he lives.

One of the inducements held out to Senstor Carlisle for the purpose of influencing him to take the Treasury portfolio is the career of John Sherman, the Republican Senator from Ohio, who resigned his seat in the Senate to become Secretary of the Treasury in Hayes' Cabinet. With the advent of President Garfield's administration the Ohio Republicans returned Mr. Sherman to into the hands of the commissioners, but M. Bourgeois reiterated rather vague promise that he would help the commission by all possible means, although his power to do so was curtailed considerably by the examinhis seat in the Senate. Should Senator Carlisle accept the invitation to be Secretary of the Treasury, Representative W. C. P. Breckinridge would like to occupy Mr. Carlisle's seat in the Senate. The other Democratic Senator from Kentucky is Hon. Joseph C. S. Blackburn, of Versailles, whose term expires March 3, 1897.

Whitney Slated for Next Premier, The report, stronger than ever, was today revived that Hon. William C. Whitney is slated for Secretary of State. Close friends of Mr. Whitney say it would be a very difficult matter for him to decline Mr. other names, one of a very high personage, he was presented from mentioning by the dictates of discretion. Dr. Cornelius Hers has shown him a document bearing the names of 14 deputies who had been bought by the lobbyist Arton for a total sum of niration for Mr. Whitney's qualifications and he relies absolutely on his friendship. So that from the best information obtainable the Cabinet up to date, in perspective, is as follows:

Secretary of State-William C. Whitney of New York. of New York.
Secretary of the Treasury-John G. Car-lisle, of Covington, Ky.
Postmaster General—Isaac Pusey Gray, of Indiana.
Attorney-General—George Gray, of Wilmington, Del.

Dickinson Might Go In Again. Many friends of Mr. Dickinson would like to see him in the Cabinet, Mr. Cleve-land thinks very highly of him, and regards him as one of his most loyal friends. But it is believed that Mr. Dickinson's profes-sional arrangements would debar him from accepting a place in the Cabinot.

It may turn out, though, that Mr. Dick-inson, as well as Mr. Whitney, may be induced to arrange matters so that they may be able to ait again with their former chief around the Cabinet table. In that event Mr. Dickinson would undoubtedly occupy his old seat as Postmaster General. He made a most excellent official, and there was no "bargain counter" business about his administration of the Postoffice Department. Ex-Governor Gray, of Indiana, could easily be shifted to some other port-

HELP FOR GRAHAM.

The Union League May Indorse His Opposition to Quay.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.-The Board of Directors of the Union League Club held a meeting this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the proposed candidacy for the United States Senatorship of District Attorney George S. Graham, and whether the matter should be brought before the club. As no expression of intention has come from Mr. Graham about his proposed opposition to Senator Quay, a committee was appointed to call upon the District Attorney to-morrow morning and learn from him whether he intends to enter the field for the

A meeting of the directors will be held to-morrow afternoon at which the commit-tee will acquaint them with the result of its call upon Mr. Graham. Saturday evening a meeting of the club, will be held at which the question of the indorsement by the league of Mr. Graham in the event of his decision to be a careful. ion to be a candidate will be submitted

for action. HIRED TO KILL PRESIDENT EZETA. Bocaleti, the Italian in Salvador, Makes

Remarkable Confession SALVADOR, Dec. 22 -- Bocaleti, the Italan who was arrested for an attempt to asassinate President Ezeta, has confessed that he was hired to make the attempt by General Lisandro Letona and Luciano Hernandez, fugitives from justice, now living

n Guatemala.

Bocaleti is the same man who was hired, it is alleged, by ex-President Barrillas, of Guatemais, to kidnap General Barrunda at

Forefathers' Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 .- "New England Day" was celebrated in several of the principal cities of the Union to-day. In principal cities of the Union to-day. In ford, formerly of Pittsburg, is at the head this city the New England Society held its of the Enterprise, and much of its stock is eighty-seventh annual dinner at Sherry's. held in that city. It is capitalized for \$2.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale delivered the 500,000. The Rico-Aspen is a \$5,000,000 principal address. Natives of the old Bay corporation.
State held a banquet in Chicago.

Foster May and He Mayn't,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary of the Treasury Foster was to-day shown a River Steel Works burst, tearing the buildcopy of the published statement that within | ing to pieces. Head Roller Ed Perkins, of The army is without a sign of trouble throughout all the disclosures thus far, which removes the possibility of a military revolution. No individual has yet appeared who could hope to lead a popular day.

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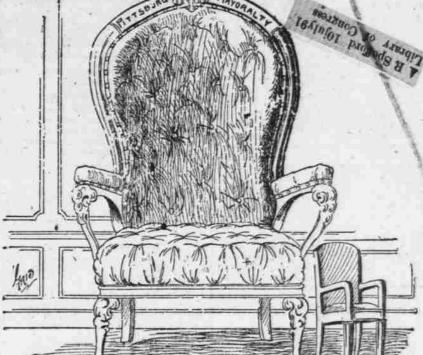
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It is asserted that this is the only form of prohibition that can pass before the adjournment of the Legislature next Saturband and the financial situation. He said: "I don't know anything about it, but I suspect it is true."

the next ten days he would go to New York Joliet, Ill., was instantly killed; Engineer for a conference with bankers and others on the financial situation. He said: "I don't know anything about it, but I suspect it is true."

Loss estimated at \$10,000. the next ten days he would go to New York



BIGGER THAN IT USED TO BE.

BLAINE IS BRIGHTER

And Now Able to Sit Up in Bed a Little, Propped With Pillows.

BETTER THAN TEN DEAD MEN YET. He Hopes to le Able Soon to Read His Own (bituary Notices.

THE REACTION IS ONLY TEMPORARY

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-All of the egion of friends of James G. Blaine in this city who keep informed hourly of his condition were rejoiced to-day to hear that he had passed a really encouraging day. This was asserted by members and servants of the family, and by the doctors, and the conclusion of the answer to inquiries usually was: "You can depend absolutely on this being the true statement of the case."

The distinguished patient sat up more frequently in his bed, propped up by pillows, then at any time during the past week, and sat up for a longer time at each effort. He even expressed a hope himself that he might be able once more to bear his weight on his feet, and to read his own obituaries, which he shrewdly supposed had already appeared in the newspapers. He ate stronger food to-day than at any previous time for a week, and it seemed to assimilate thoroughly and to give him new life. Previous to last night, though the patient slept well, his sleep was not healthful, but rather the stupor of complete exhaustion. There was improvement in this respect last night. The sleep was not only sound and long, but it seemed to be refreshing.

Altogether, the improvement is such o surprise the doctors themselves, who last Sunday morning did not have the faintest that their patient would be alive No matter what they may say now about the exaggerated reports of the newspapers, that was their opinion. They admitted it frankly. Now that the improvement is so marked, they find it necessary to "hedge" against their position of that day by declaring that Mr. Blaine has at no time een so near death as has been reported in been so near death as has been reported in the newspapers. If the reports were ex-aggerated they had only themselves to blame for not giving out the exact truth; but the fact is, nothing has been put into print which was not justified by the information received by morsels, and often in a roundabout way, from the physicians. there were anything sensational in the printed stories, however, the closest friends of the sick man have forgiven it now that their ideal statesman is growing more cheerful and strong. .

Yet with all this improvement the patient is so weak that he can endure to be propped un with pillows only for a few minutes consecutively, and he is hardly able to raise his hands from the bed to change their position. Not even his most intimate riends are permitted to get nearer to him than the parlors."

That Trip Still Far in the Future. As to the long-contemplated trip for change of climate, the doctors told the cor-respondent of THE DISPAYCH to-day that the possibility was yet so far in the future, even if the present rate of improvement continued, that it was useless to canvass the subject at all.

The sum of the whole matter is that there is not even now a hope in the minds of the physicians that the favorable reaction is more than temporary, welcome as it is.

The principal difficulty now is with the heart, and the treatment is directed toward. keeping its setion regular and natural. Only partial success has so far been

achieved.

Dr. Johnston says his table is flooded each day with letters from people in different sections of the country advising him how to treat Mr. Blaine's disease. Some of them intimate that the doctor has not diagnosed the case properly, while the patent medi-eine people are filling up a good-sized storeroom with their goods, which they are send-ing daily to the doctor by express and urging him to test them on his distinguished patient.

Mrs. Emmons Blaine, daughter-in-law of the ex-Secretary of State, is at the Fifth Ave-pue Hotel, New York. Her arrival there s taken as an indication that Mr. Blaine's family have strong hopes that he will con tinue to improve. She declined to talk.

THE ENTERPRISE LOSES. Valuable Mineral Ground in Disput

Awarded the Rico-Aspen.

DENVER, COL., Dec. 22 -[Special.]-In the United States Court to-day, Judge Hallett rendered a decision in the famous min ing suit of the Rico-Aspen versus the En-

terprise, giving the most valuable ground in dispute to the Rico-Aspen. The decision allows the Rico-Aspen to recover from the Enterprise the value of the ore mined by the latter. The minor features of the casare to be tried by a jury. George Crass

The Engineer Not at His Post. MUNCIE, IND., Dec. 22.-At 5 o'clock this morning the fly wheel at the White Joliet, Ill., was instantly killed; Engineer

MICHIGAN TO BE SOLID

a Its Electoral Ticket for Harrison, Despite the Miner Law, if an Ingenious Scheme Prevails-The Republican Legisinture May Choose All Electors.

DETROIT, Dec. 22.—The Tribune to-morrow will print the following: It would appear that Cleveland is not to receive those ive electoral votes from Michigan, and that Chairman Campau is to lose the only remaining scrap of evidence that the Demo-cratic State Central Committee attempted to conduct a campaign in Michigan last fall. Senator-elect Weiss some weeks ago an-nounced he would introduce a bill to repeals the Miner election law, which provides for the election of Presidental electors by districts. Fred. A. Baker, the attorney who with Colonel H. M. Duffield argued before

the Supreme Court of the State, and also be-fore the Supreme Court of the United States against the validity of the law, preagainst the validity of the law, pre-poses to go further. Mr. Baker has carefully analyzed the opinion of the United States Supreme Court sustaining the law, and the result is he has prepared a bill, to be introduced by Senator Weiss as soon as the Legislature meets, the object of which is to unseat the five Demo-eratic Presidential electors, who have been officially declared chosen. officially declared chosen, The districts of the Eastern districts are

large. They are the First, Second, Seventh and Tenth Congressional districts. The and Lenth Congressional districts. The plan is to have the Legislature name all electors. They would, of course, be Republicans. It will not make any difference in the general result, but, if the legal point detected by Mr. Baker is sustained, it will have a far-reaching effect, and may necessitate some national legislation on the subject. tion on the subject.

AN INTERRUPTED WEDDING.

Lover Forswears One Sweetheart at the Point of Another's Fistol. MILAN, TENN., Dec. 22.-[Special.]-The community of Langdon has been furnished with a sensation. Arthur Bason and Miss Beauty Mayo were to have been married, bu#the ceremony didn't occur. An elaborate wedding had been prepared, friends and relatives invited, and a large number had assembled at the home of Everything was in readiness, but the groom came not. Various excuses were offered by the prospective groom's triends, they avering that he had met with an accident, bride, after waiting several hours, was carried to her room in a hysterical condition The facts are quite sensational. While driving to the wedding Mr. Bason was halted by two masked men, and carried sev-

eral miles to a deserted house and con-fronted by Miss Inez Langston, a former love who had been cruelly thrown over by him for a fairer face. The determined girl had him bound, and at the point of a revolver compelled him to write a letter to Miss Mayo, informing her that he was mis-taken in his love and could not marry her. The girl then made him swear to marry her. Bason states that he will keep his oath, and the ceremony will occur in the near future.

BONANZAS FOR CROOKS.

Chief Carter Predicts the Souvenir Coins Will Be Counterfeited.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.-Thomas B. Carter, Chief of the Secret Service Bureau, is in town preparing his semi-annual shipment of counterfeit money, which he has collected during the past year, to Washingon. On January 1 he will send to Wash-

ington \$15,000 of the "queer."
Chief Carter predicts one of the most gigantic counterfeiting schemes in the country's history at Chicago next year. He be-lieves the souvenir coins will be counter-feited and find ready sale, and he will not be surprised if as many bogus as genuine coins would be in circulation. Chief Carter said the metal from which the genuine are made can be easily secured and molded at a cost of 40 cents each. They will be sold

HAMBURG FRIGHTENED.

Warm Weather in the Spring Expected to Bring Cholera Again.

HAMBURG, Dec. 22.-It was thought that the extraordinary measures taken by the authorities would prevent another onthreak of cholers in the spring, but the indications now point to the recurrence of the disease in an epidemic form when warm weather sets in. Several cases of the Asiatic type have occurred recently, and the outlook is serious. To-day four new cases are officially reported.

The authorities are doing everything possible to prevent the disease spreading. Particular attention has been paid to the water supply, and the inhabitants now find it possible to avoid the use of the filthy water of the Elbe.

A SOUTHERN ASSASSINATION. Bloodhounds and a Posse After the Mur

derer of a Prominent Man. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 22 -News

reached here this morning of the assassination of R. P. Harrison, a wealthy merchant and planter, near Eutaw, Greene county, last night. While going home from his store about midnight, he was shot to death from ambush by unknown assassins. His body was lound this morning. The killing is supposed to have been for robbery, as Harrison is reported to have much money. Officers with bloodhounds have gone from here to trail the murderers. Harrison was highly connected and a prominent political leader.

A Franco-American Convention Ratified, Paris, Dec. 22.-The commercial convention between France and the United States was ratified by the Chamber of

ONE PENSION SHARK

Who Failed to Pass Himself Off as His Brother Who Had Been Dead for

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

He Thought He Could Work His Little Game Very Easily, but He

APPLIED TO THE WRONG PERSON.

One Man Who Knew His Brother Well While He Was in the Army

CALLS DOWN THE FRAUD IN A BURRY

CEPECTAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. Bosron, Dec. 22.-Recent vigorous attacks on pension sharks have led to such careful investigation of claims in Massachusetts that at least one fraudulent claims has been headed off and the claimant placed in jail awaiting trial for perjury. It was abarefaced fraud and as there may be other similar cases the story may be of benefit. The fraud would probably have succeeded, too, but for the fact that the claimant applied to the one man in the Adjutant General's Department who was in position to know the real character of the claim.

The fraudulent claimant is Mike Kellynot the famous baseball expert. Michael Keily and his brother Daniel each served in the Union army. Daniel rose to the rank of sergeant of Company K, First Massachusetts Regiment. He was terribly wounded in the head in battle, and received an honorable discharge May 25,1864, being incapacitated for duty. He died September 19, 1866. Subsequently his mother filed an application for a "dependent" pension. The claim was numbered 137,284, but was never allowed.

Applied as His Dead Brother. On the 8th of June in the present year an application for a pension was made by a man who made oath that his name was Daniel Kelly. The claim was pushed by Freeman Emmons. It was numbered 1,124,-163. The affidavit was filed October 24. It was not reached until the present month, and then the agitation over the pension grab caused the officials to investigate the case even more closely than usual. It was apparently an honest case, and there was no evidence at hand to disprove the claim. The alleged Daniel Kelly was sent to the Adjutant's office to get his service papers. The records showed an honorable discharge May 25, 1864, and the man had no hesitation in asking for a copy thereof. But it was his fate to apply to Captain Thomas,

one of the Adjutant General's assistants, who had been First Sergeant and afterward Lieutenant in this same Company K, of the First Massachusetts. Captain Thomas be-gan to fill out the blank in the perfunctory manner acquired through long practice.
"What is your name, please?" asked the Captain.
"Daniel Kelly," was the reply.
"What company?"
"Company K, First Massachusetts Infantry."

Enough to Interest the Captain. "What?" velled the Captain, getting intarested for he had seen Daniel Kelly buried more than 25 years ago.

'That's my name, that's all," was the rejoinder. "I want to get a copy of my service record as it appears on your books. "Why, I knew Sergeant Daniel Kelly," exclaimed Captain Thomas. "I served in the same company with him. He's been dead 25 years or more."

"No, he basn't," doggedly replied the applicant. "I'm just as much alive now as I ever was." "Yes, but you are not Daniel Kelly. He was only 5 feet 6 inches tall, while you are 6 feet it you are an inch." "I suppose I could have grown, couldn's

"That's all nonsense," was Captain Thomas' reply. "I attended Daniel Kelly's funeral, with other members of the com-pany, and saw him placed in the grave." Then Captain Thomas subjected the asplicant to a vigorous cross-examination, and got him so confused that he could not tell the same story twice in succession. The unshot of this conversation was that Michael Kelly was arrested and is in jail

for trandulently representing himself to be his brother Daniel. MRS. ASPINWALL'S ESCAPE From Her Burning Home in the Arms of &

Gallant Fireman, NEW YORK, Dec. 22. - The spectacle of a handsome woman, hastily arrayed in morning robes, a leader of society, sitting enthroned upon the root of her own bay window, with a fortune of glittering gems in her last, against a background of black smoke, waiting to be taken down, attracted a big crowd in Gramercy Park this morn-ing. The spectators cheered to the echo when the rescuer appeared, and Mrs. Lloyd Aspinwall was carried down in the arms of a gallant fireman, leaving behind \$50,000 worth of jewels to which she had clung tightly through the danger. Then the hose was turned on and the fire put out.

Mrs. Aspinwall reached the street lying on the fireman's shoulder, a limp and apparently lifeless burden. She had fainted. The firemen put out the fire without much trouble and recovered the forgotten jewel box, which was handed to the owner. The house was damaged \$20,000 or more.

FOERSTEL WEAKENS, Throws Up His Hardle and Makes an Ass

signment of His Property. Sr. Louis, Dec. 22 -Michael J. Foerstelthe lately deposed City Treasurer, made a general assignment this morning. The property assigned amounts to \$227,000, and includes a general store in Foerstelville, a suburb of this city, and a large amount of

real estate. Liabilities are much less than one-half the assets. The assignment was made because small creditors were running attachments on the property and Mr. Foers tel wished to place all creditors on the w. F. Yow said the shortage began two years ago, and that the Treasurer was aware of it. Yow is the man who ne-gotiated notes for Treasurer Foerstel, the

proceeds of which, he alleged, were used to make good shortages. He was also the go-between who negotiated the notes now de-clared by Mr. Foerstel to be forgaries.

MISTAREN FOR A BURGLAR.

A Lodger Who Got Into the Wrong Building Killed by the Ecception Given Him. WILMINGTON, DEL, Dec. 22.-A mistake which Daniel Reardon made on the evening of November 30 in entering the residence of Peter Moran, in Dobbinsville, thinking it was his boarding house, cost him his life this morning. Reardon was seen by Mrs. Moran, who

mistook him for a burglar. She called her husband, who attacked and beat Reardon and threw him into the street.